

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and the listing of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A clear paint for golf balls consisting essentially of a base polymer including a polyurethane resin, and a graft polymer including a comb polymer having a backbone portion formed of an acrylic resin and a branch portion formed of polyorganosiloxane, said backbone portion having at least one hydroxyl group.

12. (canceled)

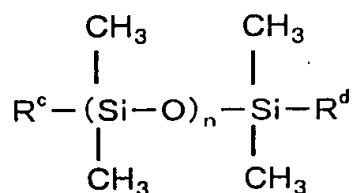
13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 11, wherein the branch portion formed of backbone chain of the polyorganosiloxane has a main chain portion is formed of polydimethylsiloxane.

15. (canceled)

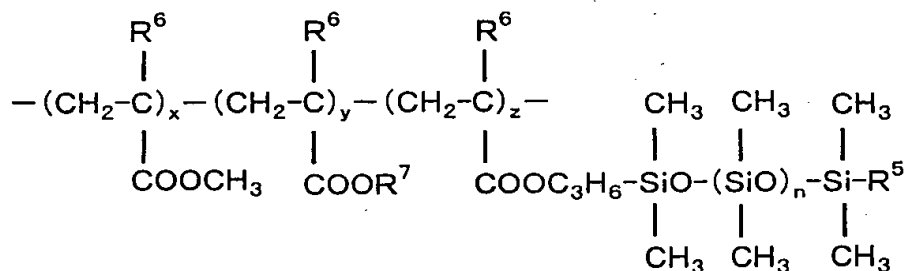
16. (currently amended) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 11, wherein the polyurethane resin is a material polyurethane resin which is obtained by reacting polyol and isocyanate, which is reacted with said graft polymer, and wherein the a ratio of the graft polymer is being in a range from 0.01 to 10 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyol.

17. (currently amended) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 11, wherein the comb polymer is obtained by radical copolymerization of a macromonomer represented by the following general formula ~~(5)~~ with an acrylic monomer:



wherein R^c represents a non-reactive alkyl group, and R^d represents a functional group having a double bonded bond portion.

18. (currently amended) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim 17, wherein the comb polymer is a silicone graft acrylic resin represented by the following general formula (6):



wherein R⁵-R⁷ are as follows:

R⁵: a methyl group, a n-butyl group

R⁶: H, a methyl group

R⁷: ~~any other alkyl group or an alkyl group containing~~ a functional group attached to an alkylene group or a polyoxyalkylene group, x is a real number between 1 and 500, y is a real number between 0 and 100, z is a real number between 1 and 100, and n is a real number between 1 and 135.

19. (currently amended) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim 11, further containing a solvent.

20. (original) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim 19, wherein said solvent is at least one of methyl ethyl ketone and methyl isobutyl ketone.

21. (currently amended) A golf ball having a surface, ~~wherein said surface is~~ coated with the clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim 11.

22. (new) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim 11, wherein said comb polymer includes at least three branch portions formed of polyorganosiloxane.

23. (new) A clear paint for golf balls as claimed in claim 11, wherein said comb polymer has a number average molecular weight from 500 to 50000, a viscosity from 1 to 50000 Pa's at a room temperature, and a hydroxyl value from 5 to 150 mg-KOH/g.